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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$500,000
OF DIVIDENDS.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the date of withdrawal.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, February 27, 1886. 402

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong, Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January, and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, May 7, 1882. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
PAID-UP.....\$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, TATEWOOD STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL
BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the
Balance of such Claims purchased

1.—By an immediate Payment in Cash of
not less than 90¢ for the whole
Claim.

2.—At 100%, Payment being made in
Fully paid Scrip of the Corporation's
Stock, carrying Interest from date of
Issue, and redeemable for Stock
Interest, Conversion attached, the
Scrip being made up to any even
multiple of \$100.

HOLDERS OF THIS SCRIP incur no liability
whatsoever.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch,
Hongkong, February 16, 1886. 514

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1886, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to 26th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
SAM'L J. GOWER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 11, 1886. 504

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SHAREHOLDERS only whose Names shall appear in the Company's Register, on the 5th day of April next, shall be entitled to receive pro rata the New ISSUE of SHARES sanctioned by and in accordance with the Special Resolution confirmed this day.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 10th day of April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 18, 1886. 559

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co., Chromometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths, Nautical, Scientific and Meteoro-logical Instruments.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES, RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY AND IMRAN CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English, SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, CHRISTOFLE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

DIALEKS & DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Under-signed with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1885, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31ST DAY OF MARCH INSTANT will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Rehip, and/or Store GENERAL CARGOES, SILK, OPIUM, COTTON, GRAIN OF MERCHANTS in First-Class Granite Godowns at Cheap Rates. Also COATS in specially constructed Sheds.

The conveniences of Commanders and Storers the Company's Launch Hongkong will convey to and fro those interested FEES OF CHARGE, starting from the Pedder's Wharf EVERY HOUR from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

For further Particulars, apply to W. KERFOOT HUGHES, Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

THE LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS are prepared to receive TENDERS for the PURCHASE of the LAND, BUILDINGS, MACHINERY, and FIXTURES of THE LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

All Tenders should be enclosed in an Envelope endorsed "TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF LEE YUEN, and addressed to the Liquidators of the LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, and must be placed in the hands of C. EWENS, Solicitor to the Liquidators, with a Deposit of \$20,000 before 3 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of April, 1886.

The Tender will not be opened until after 3 o'clock on the 21st day of April.

The Liquidators will accept the highest Tender provided it exceeds the sum of \$10,000 and provide also it is on a form which can be obtained at the Office of C. EWENS, at 45, Queen's Road, Hongkong, and it is according with the conditions contained in such form.

The Purchaser must also take over from date of Sale, the liability of the Company under the Contract with the English Sugar Boiler of the Company who has been engaged for a term expiring in February, 1887.

The Refinery is most favourably situated occupying almost 100,000 square feet of ground by the side of Bowring Canal and close to the Harbour.

The whole of the Buildings and Machinery are in excellent order, a large portion and no Transaction taking place under the aforementioned CERTIFICATES B 163 and B 849 will be Recognised by this Corporation.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the UNDERTAKING SHARE CERTIFICATES, viz.—

No. B 163, dated 8th October, 1884, 5 shares, numbered 60973/50977, in the name of J. REGINALD HARDING, of Amoy.

No. B 849, dated 18th January, 1886, 30 shares, numbered 3010/18, 4810/11, 11825/29 and 21067/71, in the name of JOHN GITTINS, of Foo-chow.

HAVE BEEN LOST and should the same not be produced before the 1ST DAY OF APRIL NEXT, NEW CERTIFICATES will be issued to the said J. REGINALD HARDING and JOHN GITTINS respectively, and no Transaction taking place under the aforementioned CERTIFICATES B 163 and B 849 will be Recognised by this Corporation.

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Dated this Eighteenth day of March, 1886.

ANDREW JOHNSTON.

LAU WAI CHUN, 潘清川.

LI KING TING, 林景廷.

Liquidator.

Hongkong, February 16, 1886. 514

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Liquidator.

Hongkong, February 16, 1886. 514

Liquidator.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

YORK HAMS.
ROLL BUTTER.
TOPSCON BUTTER.
FRENCH BUTTER.
ERR'S COCOA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
PIENIC TONGUES.
MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.
RAISINS and Currants.
Crystallized FRUITS.
SAVORY & MOORE'S New Infant FOOD.
BAERNS & Co.'s JAMS.
Potted MEATS.

PATE de FOIS GRAS.
SWISS MILK.

BORDEN'S
CONDENSED MILK.
COOKING STOVES.
KEROSENE LAMPS.

WINES, &c.

GILLEY'S Sparkling SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts.
SACCONE'S MANZANILLA.
SACCONE'S Old INVALID PORT.
Old Bourbon WHISKY.
BUKEE'S Old Irish WHISKY.
Royal Glendron WHISKY.
MARSALA.
&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of
OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280

To Let.

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ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS.'
'BISNÉE VILLA,' FORT KOWLOON.
Nos. 2, 4 and 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, March 3, 1886. 433

TO LET.

THE HOUSE in CASTLE ROAD No. 1.
Apply to the SPANISH PROCURATOR, No.
14, Castle Road. Terms moderate. Pos-
session on the first of the month.
Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 255

TO LET.

THE 'EYRIE' PARK FURNISHED.
Apply to
BELLINOS & Co.
Hongkong, March 19, 1886. 571

TO BE LET.

FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED.
A Desirable RESIDENCE in RICHMOND
TERACE.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, March 12, 1886. 512

TO LET.

A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE at the Park
Good TENNIS GROUND attached.
Apply to
DENNYS & SONS.
Hongkong, January 28, 1886. 192

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS
will be held on the Cricket Ground
(kindly lent for the occasion), on SATUR-
DAY, the 27th March, 1886, at 2 p.m.

Events:
1—Hundred Yards Race (under 13).
2—Hundred Yards Race (above 13).
3—Long Jump (under 13).
4—Six Hundred Yards Race (under 13).
5—Long Jump (above 13).
6—High Jump (under 13).
7—Throwing Cricket Ball (open).
8—High Jump (above 13).
9—Bowling at the Wicket (open).
10—Two Hundred and Twenty Yards Race
(open).
11—Three-Legged Race.
12—Half-Mile Race (Handicap).
13—Sack Race.
14—Tug of War.
15—Girls' Race (under 13).
16—Consolation Race.

Mrs. MARSH has kindly promised to pre-
sent the Prizes.
The Band of the Northamptonshire Regt.
by kind consent of Colonel Poerter
and the Officers, will be in attendance.

T. LAMMERT,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 603

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

Manager, — NIEL O'BRIEN.
Patron: —
His Excellency THE OFFICER ADMINISTER-
ING THE GOVERNMENT, THE
HON. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION
OF THE
MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
the 25th March, 1886.

FOR THIS NIGHT ONLY!
'MADAME FAVART,'
'MADAME FAVART,'
'MADAME FAVART.'

RICH AND COSTLY WARDROBE.
Conductor, — Signor M. A. VALENZA.

By kind permission of Colonel Poerter and
Officers, the Band of the 88th Regt.
will play Appropriate Selections during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

CARONNETTE, American ship, Capt. W.
F. STATION—Messagerie, Maritimes.
ELLEN A. READ, British ship, Capt. N.
B. HATTIE—Order.

FIDEJIO, German steamer, Captain H.
Breck—Wieland & Co.

FRED P. LITCHFIELD, American barque, Capt.
Samuel B. Rilliet—Order.

FRIZMAN, American barque, Capt. M. L.
HOWES—H. J. H. TRIPP.

GULF OF SUZUZ, British steamer, Capt. W.
LAW—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

HYDRA, German barque, Captain Binge.
Gonvalves & Co.

LARAPAC, British barque, Captain G. F.
Graham—Captain.

MELBOURNE, British barque, Captain W.
Lightbody—Melchers & Co.

MERION, American ship, Captain T. B.
Glove—Melchers & Co.

TAICHOW, British steamer, Captain J.
Newton—Yuen Fat Hong.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 602

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHIANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANTZEE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Prometheus,
Capt. WEBSTER, will be
despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 26th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 600

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENS-

LAND PORTS, and taking through
Cargo to ADELAIDE, TASMANIA AND
NEW ZEALAND.)

The Steamship
Afghan,
Capt. ROY, will be
despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 27th Instant, at 5 p.m.
The Steamer has excellent Accommodation
for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 606

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Nemesis,

Capt. WEBSTREY, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 28th Instant, at
9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPEIRRE & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 598

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PEIANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship
Wings,
Capt. PATERSON DR. ST.
CROIX, will be despatched
for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY,
the 31st Instant, at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior First-class
Accommodation, specially constructed to
meet the requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 599

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
Mendana,

Captain NELSON, will be
despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 604

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,

MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,

SEA PORTS,

NAPLES, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS

OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,

LONDON AND ANTWERP.

OUTWARD BOUND:—Norden, January 26;
Albora, 29; Formosa, Drontheim, Gal-
ley of Lions, Glenelg, Nestor, Pen-
zance, Ghazze, March 2; De Bay,
5; Achille, Trao-dy, Massicot, 9;
Amphion, 12; Benadir, Benewah, 16;
Kaisar, 13; Ajax, Naic, Oxfordshire,
Cobur, Patna, Tigris, 23.

HOMeward Bound:—Bengal, March 9;
Glenfin, Medusa, 16; Djemnah, 19;
Stenor, 23.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

Arrival:—Norden, January 26;

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Cobur, Patna, Tigris, 23.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:

FOR SWATOW & AMOY.

Per *Chang Hock Kien*, at 7.30 a.m., on
Thursday, the 25th inst.

FOR SINGAPORE AND NEW YORK.

Per *Prince P. Cort*, at 3.30 p.m., on
Thursday, the 25th inst.

FOR HAMBURG.

Per *Actis*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the
25th inst.

FOR AMOY & SHANGHAI.

Per *Prometheus*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday,
the 25th inst.

FOR SINGAPORE & BANGKOK.

Per *Zafiro*, at 9.30 a.m., on Friday,
the 26th inst.

FOR PORTSMOUTH.

Per *Prince P. Cort*, at 3.30 p.m., on
Sunday, the 28th inst.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Per *Actis*, at 5 p.m., on Sunday, the
28th inst.

FOR LONDON.

Per *Actis*, at 5 p.m., on Sunday, the
28th inst.

FOR PARIS.

Per *Actis*, at 5 p.m., on Sunday, the
28th inst.

FOR CHAMPAUX.

Per *Actis*, at 5 p.m., on Sunday, the
28th inst.

For Sale.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 603

To-day's Advertisements.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND for the Six Months
ended 31st December, 1885, of \$0 on the
Old and \$3 on the New Shares, declared
at the Meeting of Shareholders held
To-day, is now payable at the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be sent to SHARE-
HOLDERS by Post TO-MORROW MORNING.

LOUIS HAUSHILD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 607

NOTICE.

2 p.m.—*Polypodium* leaves for Yokohama and Hirogo.

Prins Friedrich Carl leaves for New York.

Meeting.

that, having regard to the demands now made on the resources of the Colony for Defences and Extraordinary Public Works, the Colony is not in a position, at present, to contribute to the subsidy required for the direct Cable between the two Colonies.

THE STREAM-WATER NUISANCE.

The Hon. Mr. Ryrie—I beg to lay on the table a petition with regard to the stream-water nuisance. It has been an unmitigated nuisance for some time and was considered, so by a large number of influential parties in this Colony who are most seriously annoyed by this nuisance. It was a petition that the ordinance 10 of 1872 or 8 of 1879, sec. 7, sub. sec. 4 should be amended. He moved that the petition be read.

Hon. Mr. Kewick—I think that any one who lives on the Praya near to the source of these whistles, which were such a nuisance, could not fail to wish that some representation should take place with a view to mitigating the evil as speedily as possible. I have pleasure in seconding the motion.

The petition was then read. It terms have already been given.

Hon. Mr. Ryrie said the nuisance complained of by the residents on the hill-side as well as the people having dealings on the Praya.

THE DEFENCES OF THE COLONY.

The Acting Colonial Secretary—At the last meeting I brought up a recommendation of the Finance Committee which was to this effect.—That the Committee unanimously recommend the payment of the additional sum of £60,375 now asked for in connection with the defences of the Colony, but they do so on the distinct understanding that this vote shall be final for the military and defensive purposes of this Colony—He then read the recommendation in full the terms of which were given in our report for the last meeting of the Council. He then said—I have to move that the recommendation become the resolution of the Council.

Hon. Mr. Kewick seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

His Excellency said the draft ordinance would be laid before the Council on course.

the two officers are coming out specially to consider the questions on which the War Office and the officer Commanding the engineers are at variance, with regard to the position and size of the guns. These officers will be here soon. I think that the War Office has all the information before it that will put it in a position to know what is needed. It caused a most carefully prepared survey to be made of all the sites on the island that had been selected for defence purposes, and of the depth of the water in front of them, and the information has been in the hands of the Department for many years, so that the scientific officer at home might as well decide as those on the spot. However there are two officers coming out soon, an engineer officer and an artillery officer, who will consider the points which are in dispute.

The Acting Colonial Secretary—In connection with the recommendation, I have further to move that another recommendation of the Finance Committee become the resolution of the Council. I reported that the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the motions of State objected to the clauses struck out becoming part of the permanent Peace Preservation Ordinance. His Excellency said that they might be introduced into another Ordinance which is in hand, when they might obtain the assent of the Secretary of State. The Hon. Mr. Kewick moved the addition of a clause empowering the Governor, should he at any time think fit, to stop any marriage or funeral procession, but the additional provision was made by adding to clause 3—Except in cases where the Governor shall so direct.

Hon. Wong Shing—I understand that when the Colony was first started the Chinese were encouraged to come, and the ships of the Man Mo and other temples were given to them at a nominal crown rent of \$1 per year, and they were permitted to enjoy their religious festivals and ceremonies. Therefore, I think the penalties of this ordinance are too heavy. Inappropriate for three months for firing crackers or beating gongs at night, I think, is too heavy.

The Acting Attorney General pointed out that there were other offences than beating of gongs and firing of crackers. There were

I consider that the present time is an eminently favourable time for requesting the Secretary of State to reconsider his decision in this matter of the endowment of the Church. It is beyond doubt a fact that within a very short period in England a very great change has come over the opinions of people in England in these matters. This is shown by the fact that the extreme Radical candidates who were for the abolition of almost everything found very little favour in England and Scotland, the moderate Liberals and Conservatives being the favoured candidates. It is also a most remarkable fact that the attempt a short time ago to disestablish the Church in Wales signally failed. Further that during the last election in England his Eminence Cardinal Manning requested the Roman Catholic voters throughout England to give their votes to the members who pledged themselves to support the Church. He described the Church of England as a bulwark against infidelity. I think, Sir, that these are facts that cannot be lost sight of. I would also refer to these resolutions as extremely plain. It is beyond doubt that the penalty had been introduced with reference to the erection of matches rather than the firing of crackers.

The third reading of the bill will be moved at next meeting.

STREET LOTTERIES.

THE VAGABOND ORDINANCE.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, an ordinance to amend the law relating to vagrants was considered in Committee. After the clauses had been read and passed, the Acting Attorney General said—it has been mentioned to me that some supervision should be made against selling lottery tickets in the streets and roads and so on. I therefore beg to add a 4th clause.

The clause provides that any person selling a ticket, share or chance in any lottery in the streets shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond, and shall be liable at the discretion of the magistrate to a penalty of \$10, and on a second offence \$25. It was mentioned that the clause was taken from an Act of George the Fourth. The proposal was received by some of the members with some amusement.

Hon. Mr. Jackson—Will you not include, sir, the purchasers of tickets too? If you do, you will have the whole colony.

Excellency—That will include the lottery at race times.

The Acting Colonial Secretary—I have very great pleasure in seconding the motion. It is absolutely necessary that this measure should be passed. The amount of mischief that is done by lotteries among the Chinese is entirely unknown to this Council.

The Colonial Treasurer—I support the clause. Not only is there mischief done by these lotteries to Chinese, but mischief is done among the Portuguese clerks and others by the sale of the tickets of a discreditable—not to say harsher word—a low discreditable lottery that supports a Spanish Colony. I think it is high time that this should be stopped.

The Chief Justice proposed that the bill should be printed with the fresh clause and that its consideration should stand over until this day week.

ANOTHER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY SEEKING INCORPORATION.

The Surveyor General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would propose the first reading of a bill entitled an ordinance for the Incorporation of the Procurator of the Dominican Missions in the Far East in Hongkong.

The Council was then adjourned until this day week.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Hotel Company was held in the Reading Room of the Hotel this afternoon (24th), at three o'clock. Those present were—Messrs D. McCulloch (Chairman), W. K. Hu-hes, W. Parritt and A. dos Remedios, Directors; J. L. Hughes, J. H. Cox, F. Henderson, G. T. Hassell, A. E. Vaucher, E. George, C. S. Kelvin, J. T. Chater, V. O. Rocha, H. P. Es, C. A. Ozorio, and L. Hausehous (Secretary).

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the report and accounts before you as read. With regard to the business, I don't think that there is anything to add to what there is in the report, except that everything is going on most satisfactorily, and the half year, so far as we can see, will prove a good one.

The resolutions were then put to the meeting.

Hon. Mr. Kewick—I have much pleasure in seconding the resolutions that have been brought forward by my hon. friend opposite. I think universal satisfaction would be given if effect were given to these resolutions. The importance of the establishment of our Cathedral services, and the work connected with the chaplaincy of this Colony is such that it is beyond doubt.

The resolutions were then put to the meeting and passed.

Hon. Mr. Kewick—Gentlemen, I shall have much pleasure in forwarding these resolutions to the Secretary of State, by an early opportunity. I trust that the Secretary of State will reconsider his decision, and that the representations will be more successful than on previous occasions. Though several of these appeals have been made, one which I forwarded in March 1883, one which Sir George Bowen made in August 1883, and others in April and August 1884, the Secretary of State has declined to make any alteration. I trust the change in public feeling that my hon. friend referred to at home may perhaps influence him in changing his mind.

A NEW CATHEDRAL BILL.

The Hon. T. Jackson, in introducing a new "Cathedral Bill," said—The Law Revision Committee, in going through the Statute Book, found two Ordinances relating to the Cathedral, much of both being obsolete, and both requiring amendment in many details. In consolidating these old Ordinances the Revision Committee found so many difficulties arising from the present uncertain condition of matters relating to the Cathedral, that they could not be called upon to pay any more. In fact do not see from what source any further sum can come; as it is, the payment of the large sum of money will call for one of their number to introduce it in the Legislative Council.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the bill was read a first time.

The Chief Justice pointed out with regard to this ordinance that if the appeal to the Secretary of State should be successful it would be necessary to make considerable alterations. He did not know whether his hon. friend intended to proceed or wait until the result of the appeal was made known.

With regard to the remarks by my hon. friend on the right, I am in

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IN RE GEORGE HOLMES.

Mr. George Holmes appeared to-day for his discharge in bankruptcy. Mr. Wotton acted on his behalf, and Mr. Caldwell appeared for six creditors.

Mr. Wotton said he appeared on behalf of George Holmes, and on his behalf he applied for a discharge. His Lordship made an order as to advertising in certain papers. That order had been carried out and he now handed over to the Registrar those papers.

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The Acting Registrar, Mr. Wiso, having read the Registrar's report on the affairs of the Bankrupt, which was given on the last occasion the case was before the Court and which contained a paragraph concerning the bankrupt for his conduct,

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His Lordship—The official assignee of the Court understood Mr. Holmes applied for time to see what he could do. And he got adjournment with the object of giving more time to see what he could do. And then Mr. Holmes put it out of his power to deal with the creditors.

Mr. Wotton—Part of that money had been used in endeavoring to make an arrangement with the creditors. Mr. Holmes had no idea at the time that he would be pressed to bankruptcy. He thought the suit against the man in gaol would be pressed and would be successful and that he would get money from that. Unfortunately, although the man in gaol was a man of means, his property was not in Hongkong. The official assignee learned afterwards that he would rather go to gaol than pay the debt, and taking all things into consideration he decided not to proceed with the suit.

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Mr. Wotton—He had no idea whatever at the time that it would end in bankruptcy.

His Lordship—I think he must have known.

Mr. Wotton—He did not know his creditors would press him to bankruptcy. He thought he would be successful in the suit in the Original Jurisdiction. He has been a resident here for 30 years.

His Lordship—He got no money on bankruptcy.

Mr. Wotton—Yes, he did.

The Acting Registrar, Mr. Wiso.—There is a sum of \$500.

Mr. Wotton—Mr. Holmes begs me to say that at the time the bill of sale was given there was really no idea in his mind that he would be pressed to bankruptcy. He wished to avoid it to the last. The only hope he had was the success of the suit.

His Lordship—He paid his creditors with the exception of the holders of these passage tickets.

Mr. Wotton—As regards the money in his possession, Mr. Holmes showed in his statement of accounts that he held that amount.

His Lordship—I think the difficulty is really with regard to that bill of sale. I am not disposed to give an order for discharge without some consideration. I shall consider as to whether the Court should express in some way or other its disapproval of a bill of sale having been given.

Mr. Wotton—Does your Lordship adjourn the application?

His Lordship—I shall postpone it; I shall consider whether the order for discharge should be suspended for a time. I did not know that the case was coming on this morning. I have not had all the explanation that may be offered with regard to certain accounts. I shall take these all into consideration.

Mr. Wotton—Would your Lordship say when you will give decision?

His Lordship—I shall let you know.

Mr. Wotton—Your Lordship, in making any order, no doubt we will take into consideration the length of time this bankruptcy has been pending—and the position of Mr. Holmes during that time.

The Acting Registrar—He was adjudicated on the 16th October last.

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